

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An article comprising a medical protection sheeting formed from a low frictional material having a coefficient of static friction substantially the same as its coefficient of dynamic friction and wherein said material is woven;
wherein said medical protection sheeting includes a patient contacting surface.
2. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material has a coefficient of static friction and a coefficient of dynamic friction between itself and linen of less than 0.4.
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 1 wherein the material is woven from a yarn having linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex.
5. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 4 wherein the linear density is 350 decitex.
6. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 4 wherein the weight of the material is between 200 and 50 gm/m².
7. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 5 wherein the material weight is 180 gm/m².
8. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 1, formed as a bootee with one or more layers of the material.
9. (original) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 8 wherein the bootee is formed without a toe.

Claims 10 and 11 (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 2 wherein the material is woven from a yarn having linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 4 wherein the linear density is about 470 decitex.

15. (previously presented) A protection sheeting as claimed in claim 4 wherein the linear density is about 50 decitex.

16. (previously presented) A boot for covering a medical dressing located on a patient's foot comprising:

- a) a housing for enveloping a foot;
- b) a first and second end located about said housing such that said first end is enclosed forming a toe and said second end includes an opening for receiving a foot;
- c) a collar surrounding said opening at said second end;
- d) an external seam securing the housing of said boot from said first end to said second end;
- e) a slice extending from said opening at said second end to a midsection of said boot;
- f) a plurality of straps encompassing said slice for substantially closing and securing the slice about a foot; and
- g) a medical protection sheeting making up the material for said housing, wherein said sheeting is formed from a low frictional material having a coefficient of static friction substantially the same as its coefficient of dynamic friction.

17. (previously presented) The boot of claim 16, wherein said boot includes an opening near said toe to allow for ventilation.

18. (previously presented) The boot of claim 16, wherein said sheeting includes a yarn having a linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex.

19. (previously presented) The boot of claim 16, wherein said yarn has a linear density of

about 50 decitex.

20. (previously presented) The boot of claim 16, wherein said sheeting has a coefficient of static friction and a coefficient of dynamic friction between itself and linen of less than 0.4.

21. (previously presented) The boot of claim 20, wherein said material is woven.

22. (previously presented) The boot of claim 19, wherein the weight of said sheeting is between 200 and 50 gm/m².

Claims 23-25 (Cancelled)

26. (currently amended) A method of reducing risk of damage to skin of patients in areas where the skin is damaged or where skin is subject to pressure, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a medical protection sheeting fabricated from a woven material having a low coefficient of friction that is less than 0.4 and having a coefficient of static friction within twenty percent of its coefficient of dynamic friction, the medical protection sheeting further provided ~~to have~~ to comprise yarns having a linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex and a weight between 200 and 50 gm/m²; and

covering a patient's skin with said medical protection sheeting.

27. (previously presented) A boot for covering a medical dressing located on a patient's foot comprising:

- a) a housing for enveloping a foot having an interior and exterior surface;
- b) a first and second end located about said housing such that said first end is enclosed forming a toe and said second end includes an opening for receiving a foot;
- c) a collar surrounding said opening at said second end;
- d) an external seam securing the housing of said boot from said first end to said second end;
- e) a slice extending from said opening at said second end to a midsection of said boot;
- f) a plurality of straps encompassing said slice for substantially closing and securing the slice about a foot; and
- g) a medical protection sheeting for the protection of skin in which it is in direct contact along the interior surface, the medical protection sheeting making up the material for said housing,

wherein said sheeting is formed from a woven low frictional material forming said interior and exterior surfaces having a coefficient of static friction substantially the same as its coefficient of dynamic friction on both of said interior and exterior surfaces.

28. (previously presented) The boot of claim 27, wherein said boot includes an opening near said toe to allow for ventilation.

29. (previously presented) The boot of claim 27, wherein said sheeting has a linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex.

30. (previously presented) The boot of claim 27, wherein said sheeting has a linear density of about 50 decitex.

31. (previously presented) The boot of claim 27, wherein said sheeting has a coefficient of static friction and a coefficient of dynamic friction between itself and linen of less than 0.4.

32. (previously presented) The boot of claim 30, wherein the weight of said sheeting is between 200 and 50 gm/m².

33. (currently amended) A method of reducing risk of damage to skin of patients in areas where the skin is damaged or where skin is subject to pressure, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a medical protection sheeting having first and second surfaces fabricated from a single woven material having a coefficient of static friction and a coefficient of dynamic friction between said first and second surfaces and linen of less than 0.4 wherein said coefficient of static friction is within ~~fifteen~~ 20 percent of said coefficient of dynamic friction, the medical protection sheeting further provided to be woven from a yarn having a linear density between 1000 and 40 decitex and a weight between 200 and 50 gm/m²; and

covering a patient's skin with a portion of one of said first and second surfaces of said medical protection sheeting.

34. (previously presented) The article of claim 1, wherein the medical protection sheeting is selected from the group consisting of bedding, slide sheets, clothing, and coverings for dressing.

35. (previously presented) The article of claim 1, wherein said medical protection sheeting comprises nylon.

36. (currently amended) An article comprising a medical protection sheeting selected from the group consisting of bedding, slide sheets, clothing, and coverings for dressing formed from a low frictional material having a coefficient of static friction substantially the same as its coefficient of dynamic friction and wherein said material is woven;

wherein said medical protection sheeting comprises nylon and includes a low-friction patient contacting surface.

37. (previously presented) The article of claim 36, wherein said medical protection sheeting consists essentially of nylon.

38. (previously presented) An article comprising a medical protection sheeting formed from a low frictional material having a coefficient of static friction no more than 20% coefficient of dynamic friction, wherein said material is woven, and wherein said medical protection sheeting includes a patient contacting surface.

39. (new) A method comprising limiting epidermal damage comprising providing a woven fabric having a coefficient of static friction no more than 20% of a coefficient of dynamic friction; wherein said woven fabric is a slide sheet or a covering.